

WHY BELMONT PAID \$125,000 FOR ROCK SAND

Bound to Get England's Greatest Racer Sought by French Rival.

Behind the purchase for £2,000 of the race horse Rock Sand, the famous triple-crown winner of England, by August Belmont, chairman of the American Jockey Club, was made known to-day a story of sentiment descending from father to son, and a remarkable duel in finance between the rival peers of the American and French turf for the possession of the greatest English thoroughbred stallion. "Rock Sand was bought for the stud," said a friend of Mr. Belmont. "To a very large extent it was a matter of pride and sentiment on the part of Mr. Belmont in his Nursery Stud to capture Rock Sand. It is with him, as with his father, a desire to have at the head of the Nursery the dominating blood in the thoroughbred world as proved through actual racing. It was this which led the elder Mr. Belmont to try for years to buy the winner of an English Derby. He finally succeeded in purchasing St. Blaise."

"At the first opportunity after the sale of the horse on the death of the founder of the Nursery the present August Belmont repurchased St. Blaise, and the horse is still in the Nursery. He is twenty-four years old, however, and the death of Sir James Miller enabled Mr. Belmont to purchase another Derby and triple-crown winner—undoubtedly the greatest horse in England."

Stamp of Greatness.

The winning of the Derby, \$1 Ledger and Two Thousand Guineas is the unquestioned markman of supremacy in the thoroughbred world of Europe, just as the winning of a classic like the Suburban here is recognized as proof of greatness. Mr. Belmont has at the Nursery a horse, Henry of Navarre, who won the Suburban with top weight, and a mare, the great Bedaine, who also won it. With Rock Sand in its possession, the Nursery will have a trio that represents all that is best in racing."

To capture Rock Sand Mr. Belmont practically took off the money limit by cable, and his agents were instructed to get the horse at any price. Mr. Belmont's rival in the bidding for Rock Sand is said to have been General Blane, the noted French breeder who paid \$50,000 for Flying Fox some years ago.

The executors of Sir James Miller, former owner of the horse, had previously refused £25,000 for Rock Sand, and the French buyer offered \$10,000. Mr. Belmont first entered the race with an offer of £2,000, but on learning his opponent had gone £1,000 better did so to offer £2,000. Before the Frenchman had received the execution of the Miller estate sold the animal to the American.

Will Be Shipped in June.

Nothing shameful, nothing hidden about Brill clothes or the selling of them.

There's not a salesman in our four stores who when he goes home at night need be ashamed to tell his wife and children, or his mother, or sister or any one about everything he's done during the day at the store."

And every time he sells a garment he feels and knows that the customer gets his money's worth.

The knowledge and enthusiasm of every member of the Brill organization are not the least of many elements of strength that have made Brill stores the fastest growing clothing stores in all America.

Don't you want to be waited on by such clean-dealing men?

Don't you want to wear such honest clothes?

ONE RACE TRACK BILL HAS PASSED

Increases Tax on the Gross Receipts Now Paid State by Associations.

(Special to The Evening World.)
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